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Elimination of all forms of violence and crimes against women

The General Assembly,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which, inter alia, calls for international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Bearing in mind the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[1] the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,[2] the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,[3] the Beijing Declaration[4] and Platform for Action[5] adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women and the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[6]

Reaffirming the obligations of Member States under international human rights instruments, in particular, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,[7] the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,[7] the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,[8] the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers

[1] Resolution 217 A (III).
[2] Resolution 1904 (XVIII).
[3] Resolution 2263 (XXII).
[4] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.
[5] Ibid., annex II.
[6] Resolution 55/2.
[7] See resolution 2200 (XXI), annex.
[8] Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

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and Members of Their Families[9] and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,[10]

Reaffirming also the outcome document[11] of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", which, inter alia, calls for the elimination of violence against women and girls, especially all forms of commercial sexual exploitation as well as economic exploitation, including trafficking in women and children, female infanticide, crimes committed in the name of honour, crimes committed in the name of passion, racially motivated crimes, the abduction and sale of children, dowry-related violence and death, acid attacks and harmful traditional or customary practices, such as female genital mutilation, early and forced marriages,

Stressing the importance of the empowerment of women as a tool to eliminate all forms of violence and crimes against women,

1. *Expresses deep concern* at the persistence of various forms of violence and crimes against women in all parts of the world, especially all forms of commercial sexual exploitation as well as economic exploitation, including trafficking in women and children, female infanticide, crimes committed in the name of honour, crimes committed in the name of passion, racially motivated crimes, the abduction and sale of children, dowry-related violence and death, forced marriages and acid attacks;

2. *Reaffirms* that all forms of violence and crimes against women constitute a grave violation of the human rights of women and girls;

3. *Welcomes* various legal, administrative and other measures taken by Governments for the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence and crimes against women, and calls for high priority to be attached to the further strengthening of such measures;

4. *Urges* Member States to strengthen awareness and preventive measures for the elimination of all forms of violence and crimes against women, inter alia, through educational and media campaigns in cooperation with educators, community leaders and the electronic and print media;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work being done by non-governmental organizations, including women's organizations, community-based organizations and individuals, in raising awareness about the economic, social and psychological costs of all forms of violence and crimes against women;

6. *Calls upon* States to fulfil their obligations under the relevant human rights instruments and implement the Beijing Platform for Action[4] as well as the outcome document[11] of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century";

7. *Encourages* Member States to include, as appropriate, in their reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and other

[9] Resolution 45/158, annex.
[10] Resolution 34/180, annex.
[11] Resolution S-23/3.

relevant treaty bodies specific information on measures taken or initiated to eliminate all forms of violence and crimes against women;

8. *Urges* relevant entities of the United Nations system, within their mandates, to assist countries, upon their request, in their efforts aimed at the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence and crimes against women;

9. *Invites* the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on violence against women to place equal emphasis on all forms of violence and crimes against women in her work and her reports to the Commission on Human Rights and the General Assembly;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on all forms of violence and crimes against women.